AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for prepaid communications, comprising:

crediting a user account with prepaid credit;

receiving a predefined condition, wherein the predefined condition comprises an origination number and a ~~plurality of~~ destination ~~numbers~~ number;

receiving a communications connection from an origination number directed to a destination number;

determining if the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality of~~ the destination ~~numbers~~ number of the predefined condition; and

if the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality of~~ the destination ~~numbers~~ number of the predefined condition, then deducting the cost of the communications connection from the user account.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications connection comprises a phone call.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications connection comprises a digital subscription line ("DSL").

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications connection comprises an Ethernet connection.

5-6 (Canceled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising notifying a user of the amount of the prepaid credit.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising bypassing toll restrictions if a bypass code is received.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising accepting a code number to access the user account.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising terminating the communications connection if the predefined condition is not met.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for prepaid wireline, comprising:

receiving an origination number;

creating a plurality of user accounts associated with the origination number, wherein each of the plurality of user accounts is associated with a different access code;

crediting a first user account of the plurality of user accounts associated with the origination code with a first prepaid credit amount, wherein the first user account comprises a first access code;

crediting a second user account of the plurality of user accounts associated with the origination code with a second prepaid credit amount, wherein the second user account comprises a second access code;

receiving a proffered code;

if the proffered code comprises the first access code, deducting the cost of the communications connection from the first prepaid credit amount; and

if the proffered code comprises the second access code, deducting the cost of the communications connection from the second prepaid credit amount.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising bypassing toll restrictions if a bypass code is received.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising deducting the cost of the communications connection from at least one of the first user account or second user account if the communications connection is long distance.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for prepaid communications, comprising:

a first set of instructions for crediting a user account with prepaid credit associated therewith;

a second set of instructions for receiving a predefined condition, wherein the predefined condition comprises an origination number and a ~~plurality of~~ destination ~~numbers~~ number;

a third set of instructions for receiving a communications connection from an origination number directed to a destination number;

a fourth set of instructions for determining if the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality of~~ the destination ~~numbers~~ number of the predefined condition; and

a fifth set of instructions for deducting the cost of the communications connection from the user account if the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality~~ ~~of~~ the destination ~~numbers~~ number of the predefined condition.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for prepaid communications, comprising:

a first set of instructions for receiving an origination number;

a second set of instructions for creating a plurality of user accounts associated with the origination number, wherein each of the plurality of user accounts is associated with a different access code;

a third set of instructions for crediting a first user account of the plurality of user accounts <u>associated with the origination number</u> with a first prepaid credit amount, wherein the first user account includes a first access code;

a fourth set of instructions for crediting a second user account of the plurality of user accounts <u>associated with the origination number</u> with a second prepaid credit amount, wherein the second user account includes a second access code;

a fifth set of instructions for detecting a code;

a sixth set of instructions for deducting the cost of the communications connection from the first prepaid credit amount if the code is the first access code; and

a seventh set of instructions for deducting the cost of the communications connection from the second prepaid credit amount if the code is the second access code.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A system for managing prepaid communications, comprising:

an application module operative to

credit a user account with prepaid credit;

receive a predefined condition, wherein the predefined condition comprises <u>an origination number and</u> a ~~plurality of~~ destination ~~numbers~~ <u>number</u>;

detect a communications connection <u>from an origination number</u> directed to a destination number;

determine if <u>the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if</u> the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality of~~ <u>the</u> destination ~~numbers~~ <u>number</u> of the predefined condition; and

if <u>the origination number of the received communications connection is the origination number of the predefined condition and if</u> the destination number of the received communications connection is ~~one of the plurality of~~ <u>the</u> destination ~~numbers~~ <u>number</u> of the predefined condition, then deduct the cost of the communications connection from the user account.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A system for managing prepaid communications, comprising:

an application module operative to

receive an origination number;

create a plurality of user accounts associated with the origination number, wherein each of the plurality of user accounts is associated with a different access code;

credit a first user account of the plurality of user accounts associated with the origination number with a first prepaid credit amount, wherein the first user account comprises a first access code;

credit a second user account of the plurality of user accounts associated with the origination number with a second prepaid credit amount, wherein the second user account comprises a second access code;

receive a proffered code;

if the proffered code comprises the first access code, deduct the cost of the communications connection from the first prepaid credit amount; and

if the proffered code comprises the second access code, deduct the cost of the communications connection from the second prepaid credit amount.